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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH RPF CHAIRMAN ALEXIS KANYARENGWE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) CHAIRMAN  
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ALEXIS KANYARENGWE VISITED THE CHARGE ON AUGUST 5 TO  
DELIVER A LETTER (SEPTTEL) FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HERMAN COHEN THANKING HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR THE  
RWANDAN PEACE TALKS. KANYARENGWE AFFIRMED HIS  
SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS, WHILE BLAMING THE GOR  
FOR CAUSING PROBLEMS. THE CHARGE THANKED KANYARENGWE  
FOR COMING AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE UPCOMING ARUSHA  
PEACE TALKS WERE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR RESOLVING  
RWANDA'S PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY

3. WHILE "PASSING THROUGH" KAMPALA, RPF CHAIRMAN

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KANYARENGWE VISITED THE CHARGE ON AUGUST 5 WITH LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE TO DELIVER A LETTER FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMAN COHEN THANKING HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR THE RWANDAN PEACE TALKS. (THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.) THE CHAIRMAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, COL. GERALD GAHIMA, WHO IS THE RPF'S LIAISON WITH THE EMBASSY IN UGANDA. GAHIMA SERVED AS THE INTERPRETER FOR KANYARENGWE, WHO SPOKE IN KINYARWANDA. TDY ECONOFF WAS ALSO PRESENT.

4. THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR US ASSISTANCE IN FURTHERING THE PEACE PROCESS BETWEEN THE RPF AND THE GOR. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO MEET WITH THE CHARGE BEFORE THE ARUSHA PEACE TALKS TO FORMALLY COMMUNICATE TO THE U.S. THE RPF'S INTENT TO MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS WORK AND TO ASK FOR CONTINUED U.S. HELP TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN HIS COUNTRY.

5. KANYARENGWE TOLD THE CHARGE THAT THE JULY  
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CEASEFIRE TALKS IN ARUSHA HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE RPF NOW COULD LOOK FORWARD TO PEACE IN RWANDA. HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN FIGHTING AFTER JULY 19 (WHICH HE SAID WAS INITIATED BY THE GOR), THERE HAD BEEN ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS SINCE THE JULY 31 CEASEFIRE. HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WAS BEING HONORED. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE RWANDAN DEFENSE MINISTER WAS UNJUSTLY BLAMING THE RPF FOR POST-JULY 31 VIOLATIONS THAT, IN FACT, HAD NOT OCCURRED. KANYARENGWE ALSO ACCUSED THE GOR OF BEING INTRANSIGENT AND EVASIVE ON THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. HE LAMENTED THAT THE RWANDANS REMAINED DIVIDED, WITH ONE GROUP THAT SUPPORTED PEACE AND ANOTHER GROUP -- THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY -- THAT DID NOT. DESPITE KANYARENGWE'S PERCEPTION THAT THE GOR WAS EQUIVOCATING ON THE REFUGEE ISSUE AND THE PEACE PROCESS, HE SAID THAT THE RPF WOULD FORGO MILITARY INITIATIVES.

6. FOR HER PART, THE CHARGE THANKED KANYARENGWE FOR COMING AND SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS ALSO PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE PEACE TALKS. SHE SAID SHE WOULD FORWARD THE LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY COHEN. THE CHARGE REITERATED THAT THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THIS IS

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A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE AND THAT THE U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PEACE PROCESS FOR RWANDA. SHE REPEATED THE U.S. MESSAGE SHE DELIVERED TO DR. RUDASINGWA ON JULY 24 (REFTEL), NAMELY THAT THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD BE OBSERVED EVEN IF THERE ARE PROVOCATIONS, AND NOTED THAT THE SAME MESSAGE HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE GOR.

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7. IN ANSWER THE CHARGE'S QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO WOULD GO TO THE ARUSHA TALKS, KANYARENGWE SAID THAT THE RPF DELEGATION WOULD BE LED BY PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU, RPF H-AD OF INFORMATION. KANYARENGWE ALSO TOLD CHARGE THAT THE RPF HAD ACCEPTED EGYPT AS THE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE NMOG DESPITE THE FACT THAT EGYPT HAD SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE GOR. HE ADDED THAT THE RPF ACCEPTED EGYPT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO GIVE THE GOR A PRETEXT FOR DELAYING OR LEAVING THE PEACE TALKS. KANYARENGWE SAID THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATED THAT OTHER NATIONS WERE

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TAKING AN INTEREST IN RWANDA'S PROBLEMS. IT WOULD  
ALSO ALLOW FOR THIRD - COUNTRY INTERVENTION TO PUSH  
THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD WHEN PROBLEMS AROSE.

8. KANYARENGWE TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HE BELIEVES THAT  
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THE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT ARUSHA ARE: INSTITUTION  
OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, INTEGRATION OF THE  
RWANDAN AND THE RPF ARMIES, AND SETTING UP OF A  
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT; IN THAT ORDER. HE SAID THAT  
IF THE THE RPF AND THE GOR COULD AGREE ON THE FIRST,  
THE OTHER TWO WOULD FOLLOW. "REFUGEES," HE SAID WERE  
PART OF BOTH THE FIRST AND THE THIRD ITEMS, BUT HE  
OBJECTED TO THE USE OF THE TERM. THEY WERE, HE SAID,  
SIMPLY RWANDANS LIVING OUTSIDE RWANDA.

9. COMMENT: KANYARENWE WAS SOFT SPOKEN, REASONED  
AND GAVE EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING UNAMBIGUOUSLY  
COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE TALKS. HE  
CONVEYED HIS SET PIECE IN A CONCISE AND DIRECT MANNER  
AND THEN ANSWERED THE CHARGE'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT  
HESITATION OR CONTRADICTION, SEEMING COMFORTABLE WITH  
THE DIALOGUE.

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